

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I have written to you previously about my objections to conglomerate ownership of the public airways, and so far they have been ignored by you and by legislators beholden to the ideology of the Bush administration. Michael Powell jumps to wield power in regard to Janet Jackson due to his personal repugnance, but does nothing when a majority of people express their views to ownership, and particularly the abuse of power by Sinclair. He directs us to the constitution and free speech dictates. What's wrong with this picture?

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.